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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Tony Gallegos, Senior Reclamation Specialist *aa-y*

RE: Site Inspection, Rio Algom Mining Company, Lisbon Project, M/037/001, San Juan County, Utah

Date of Inspection: March 21, 2001
Time of Inspection: 0939 – 1100
Conditions: Partly cloudy
Participants: Frank Fossey, Larry Axtell, Rio Algom; Wayne Hedberg, Tony Gallegos, DOGM

Purpose of Inspection: To document remaining facilities at the site and discuss the recent request for release

We first had a brief meeting to discuss the remaining features at the site and how these features will be included or incorporated in the reclamation plan administered by the NRC. Rio Algom has recently submitted alternate concentration limits (ACL) to the NRC for review. If the ACL is accepted by the NRC all the facilities on the site could be removed by 2005, and then the site will be turned over to the NRC. The NRC is also reviewing a document titled "Runoff Control Facility Design – December, 2000."

The main issue of discussion was that remaining features under the Division's mine permit are also included in the NRC reclamation plan. These features (buildings and an access road) will need to remain in place until the site is completely reclaimed under the authority of the NRC approved plan. It seems that Division permitting of these facilities is duplicative of the NRC permitting. If these facilities are reclaimed according to the Division's permitting requirements the reclaimed areas will be reworked again to satisfy NRC requirements. We may be able to avoid this redundant and still satisfy Division and NRC requirements.

After this discussion, we went outside and took photographs of the office building and the shop building which are the only structures remaining on the site. Rio Algom has not yet begun spraying water in their pond system for evaporation. They will not start spraying until the chance of freezing the sprinkler pipes is very unlikely.

In conclusion, the Division is to write up an inspection memo and contact Ms. Jill Caverly at the NRC to discuss NRC reclamation requirements (address for Jill Caverly provided by Frank Fossey). The Division will need to follow up with a separate letter responding to the request for release. Photographs were also taken of the main shaft location and buildings from various vantage points.

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cc: Frank Fossey, Rio Algom
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